

"He says each of the male birds must walk before the female birds and he must love and take care of the female bird who chooses him for a husband."

When the judge bird ceased jabbering, the first male bird left his place and ruffling up his brilliant feathers, strutted down in front of the lady birds. Suddenly, a female bird darted from her place and pecked at the male bird's feathers, both flew off a little way and began jabbering to each other. So it went on.

Just before it became Tim's turn he left his place and, flying to the porch, lit on Flora's

shoulder. After jabbering a moment in her ear, he flew back to his place.

"Mamma, mamma!" cried the excited child, "Tim's in trouble. He thinks the lady-bird he loves is going to choose some bird with prettier feathers than his."

Hardly had she spoken when a demure little female bird darted from her place and plucked the wing of a male bird of brilliant plumage who was strutting down the line. Instantly Tim flew from his place and, pouncing on the lucky male bird, began to pick him savagely. All was commotion at once, while the judge bird separ-

ated the combatants. Tim withdrew to one side and hung his head down as if ashamed, while the judge-bird jabbered at him. Then Tim held up his head and jabbered back.

"Oh mamma! the judge says if Tim doesn't obey the law he will be killed, and Tim says he will die before he will have any other bird for his wife. Mamma, I must save him."

But, before the child could reach her pet, all the other male birds pounced on him and killed him. Poor Flora came running back to her mother, the tears streaming down her cheeks, with her mangled little Tim clasped in her arms.



Local * and * General.

What has become of the Coconut Club?

C. F. Wall left an estate valued at \$46,500.

Kauhane, a member of the Ewa police, fell from his horse and broke his neck last week.

A. B. Loebenstein is another independent delegate who is going to Washington.

President McKinley has proclaimed the 30th inst. as a day of national Thanksgiving.

Chinese and Hawaiian are the only languages spoken fluently at the Fish Market.

The native jury have their innings in the Circuit Court this week.

The big Spreckelsville mill, which will grind the cane of H. C. Co. and Kihei, will be built a mile and a quarter back of the race track.

Rev. W. M. Kincaid's series of Sunday evening talks at the Central Union Church promise a large attendance of young men.

There was a tramcar collision on Beretania street Monday afternoon, but no casualties to report.

The Thirty-first Regiment Band gave a very entertaining concert at the Hawaiian Hotel Monday afternoon.

William H. Goetz was married to Miss Jessie Whitney last Tuesday evening, Rev. G. L. Pearson officiating.

The four Sisters of Charity who arrived by the Hongkong Maru have joined the convent of the Sacred Heart.

Among the arrivals by the Hongkong Maru was Walter G. Smith, who was a well known journalist here in the troublous times of '93.

Robert Levy, a hackman, has sued T. B. Clapham, a veterinary surgeon, for \$500 for killing a valuable hack horse.

Every incoming steamer brings carpenters and masons from the city, and they don't have to hunt more than twenty four hours to get a job.

Public spirited citizens will be asked to subscribe money for the completion of the Pali road improvements. They will be reimbursed when the Legislature convenes again.

The danger of ascending Tantalus in a carriage with an unmanageable horse, suggests the practicability of the automobile. Two more of the novel vehicles are to be imported by a prominent liveryman.

A \$2,000,000 gold surplus in the Treasury of little Hawaii, where gold has always been the standard and where silver is used only as counters, presents an instructive object lesson for Mr. W. J. Bryan.

The funeral of Pio Anakalio was held Monday morning. The deceased had performed more service in the Hawaiian Band than any other member with the exception of its leader, Captain Berger.

Deputy Sheriff Faneuff was mistaken for a burglar at Waianae C. H. last Saturday morning and shot in the knee by one of his own officers. He is recovering from his wound at the Queen's Hospital.

The reports of so many fights at plantations are indications of much discontent on the part of the employed. Field lunas are not graduates in diplomacy, and the sensitive Oriental ear is not attuned to their gruff and blunt utterances.

John Nott, who takes rank as the leading stove-dealer, though not an imperialist believes in expansion. He is putting a fashionable front into his large store on King street, and will soon make a much more attractive display of stoves and other kitchen goods.

Two privates were sauntering along Beretania street as an army surgeon on horseback came towards them. "Shall we salute?" said one private. "He's only a doctor, but we might as well," replied the other. Both men saluted. The surgeon returned the salute and passed on. "He doesn't get that every day," said one of the men.

The question of getting pure water out of the Nuuanu reservoirs is still a debatable one. The city of Philadelphia is considering the slow sand filtration process for its new supply. Natives of the South Seas, when marooned on an atoll or reef, will procure drinking water by repeatedly passing salt water through sand, thus separating most of the saline properties of the water from the *aqua pura*.